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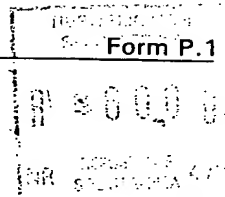
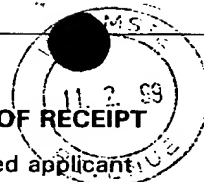
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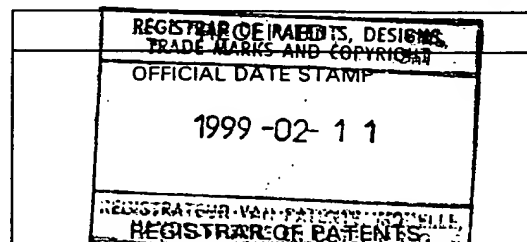
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This invention relates to a firearm device.

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According to the present invention a firearm device comprises

- a firearm;
- safety means for preventing the firearm from being fired by an unauthorized person; and
- information storage means for recording and storing at least one aspect of the group consisting of images, sound, time and location of the firearm.

The firearm may comprise any conventional firearm or any other firearm for firing a projectile. The firearm may comprise a rifle but preferably it comprises a hand gun. The firearm may include an electronic fire mechanism.

The safety means may comprise a mechanical means.

In a preferred embodiment the safety means may comprise an information carrier or gathering means, and a processing means for processing the information received, and allowing firing of the firearm to take place only if the information received complies with certain requirements.

The information carrier may comprise a card or similar device. In use the card may have information recorded thereon in respect of, for example, personal physical information of the authorized user such as skin prints or the like. The card may also include details thereon regarding the license of the firearm.

The safety means may also include reading means for reading information on the information carrier.

The information gathering means may comprise means for gathering certain physical information from the person to use the firearm. The gathering means may comprise means for recording information such as skin prints (particularly fingerprints), voice, retina scanning, DNA identification or the like.

The processing means may also include a memory means for storing information therein. In use the processing means may compare information received with information on the memory means and only allow firing to take place if the information corresponds.

In one example the authorized users thumbprint may be stored on the card and it may be stored on the memory means. In use firing will only be allowed by the processor if the thumbprint or the card is the same as that

on the memory and the same as that received by the information gathering means which in use takes a thumb print of the person holding the firearm.

The safety mechanism may also be adapted in order that the firearm can be de-activated to prevent firing, in a similar way that a cell phone is blocked. This can be used to de-activate the firearm when it gets stolen, or when the license expires (if firearm licenses are made valid for a certain period of time only). The firearm can also be programmed to be operational for a specific period of time, for example when the authorized person (such as a policeman) is on duty.

A remote controllable device may also be installed for controlling the firearm device from a remote position.

The information storage means may comprise a camera such as a CCD camera for recording and storing images and/or; a microphone for recording sound and/or; a timepiece for recording time and/or; a GPS for recording position in the form of geographical co-ordinates. Preferably the information storage means comprises all the above.

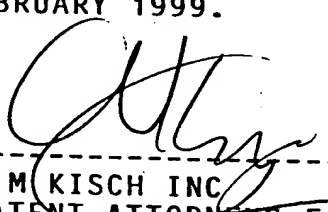
The camera may be mounted to face along the barrel defined by the firearm, thereby allowing it to record an image in the direction in which the barrel is facing.

The time piece may comprise any suitable timepiece for providing time and date. The timepiece may comprise a real time clock.

The firearm device may also include trigger means for triggering the information storage means to record and store. Preferably the information storage means is so triggered when the trigger of the firearm is pulled.

It will be appreciated that in this way, when a shot is being fired, an image (along the barrel), sound, time and date and the position of the firearm can be recorded at the time of firing. It is believed that this will result in more responsible use of firearms and reduce crime. For example the firearm device may be programmed to be operable for only a certain period of time, and in order to continue use, the firearm will have to be taken to the authorities which can then download information stored on the firearm before allowing it to be used again.

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